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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the
application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (amended) Use a compound having NMDA receptor antagonist
activity in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of
irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).
2. (amended) Use according to claim 1 wherein the compound
having NMDA receptor antagonist activity is a non-competitive
NMDA receptor antagonist.